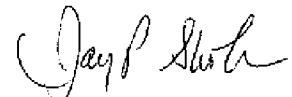


REMARKS

In the amendment presented above, Applicant has cancelled the Group II claims 27-51. Applicant respectfully submits that all issues regarding the outstanding restriction requirement are now moot. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled Group II claims in one or more divisional applications.

Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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